Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—We are in the hope of recovering the amount from him.

President.—Has he any security. If we go to court, we cannot get the amount. Without that, let us see, if we can get the whole amount by amicable means.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—He has been declared an insolvent, and he has no property worth the name. Perhaps, if anybody pays for him, of course, the amount can be recovered.

President.—I think we shall stop with questions and answers now.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I call the attention of the House to Appendix VI.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—That has been disallowed by the President once under Rule 11.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—The question has not been disallowed by the President.

463. Mr. C. A. Ouseph. — Will the Government be pleased to state:—

Whether the Forest Department charge any interest on outstandings; if so, at what rate?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Interest is charged on amounts outstanding according to the conditions laid down in the agreements entered into with the parties, and the rates vary from the bank rate to 12 per cent.

A statement of officers in the various grades, their caste and nationality.

464. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state as it stood on 30th Medam 1100.—

(a) The total number of officers of the superior grade, of the inferior grade and the menial grade in the State service in each of the State Departments and the total amount of pay drawn by each of the above three sub-divisions; (for the purpose of this question superior grade should include all those who draw Rs. 100 and above, inferior grade below Rs. 100 and above Rs. 12, and the rest may be treated as the menial grade);

(b) The total number of each sub-caste of each of the above 3 sub-divisions and the total amount of pay drawn by each sub-caste and the total amount of Land Revenue of the properties included in the landed property statement of officers of each sub-caste;

(c) The total number of Cochinites of each of the above 3 sub-divisions;

(d) The total number of non-Cochinites and the amount of pay that they draw, and the total number of non-Cochinites entertained each year during the last 10 years;

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(e) The total number of applications for appointments received by each of the officers having powers of appointment in each year during the last 10 years and their classification by (1) sub-castes (2) Cochinites or non-Cochinites?

For the purpose of this question, sub-caste may be classified according to its classification adopted for Census purposes.

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—The Civil List contains over 600 appointments on Rs. 50 and above, and the Land Revenue Department alone has 755 hands drawing Rs. 12 and less. In view of this, the information asked for under a variety of heads with reference to the whole State service necessitates such a laborious undertaking that the Government are not disposed to pursue. Moreover, no useful public purpose is, in the opinion of the Government, served by the information called for.

Rule regarding the appointment of Cochinites.

465. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—(a) Was there a rule during the administration of Rao Bahadur Mr. P. Narayana Menon that preference should be given to Cochinites in the matter of appointment?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state the names of non-Cochinites entertained in the State service during the last 10 years and the special reasons, if any, for entertaining each of them?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—(a) The following is the rule on the subject:—

"All Heads of Departments and other officers empowered to appoint their subordinates are requested to see that, without the special sanction of the Diwan, no one whose father or mother is not a Cochin born subject or who has not landed interest in the Cochin State is newly appointed to any place or is confirmed in an acting appointment when he or she holds no substantive appointment in the State."

(b) At this distance of time, no complete information can be given. A statement containing the information available is appended (*Vide Appendix VI*).

The appointment of relatives.

466. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the relations of those who held the powers of appointment, who were entertained in the State service during the last ten years and the special reasons, if any, for preferring them?

(Relationship should include the relations of the wives of those who held the powers of appointments).

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